

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

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**APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR A WEB BROWSER TO SELECT A HOME PAGE
UPON ACTIVATION BASED ON A SCHEDULER OR NETWORK CONNECTION**

10 A method and apparatus for a Web browser to display an
alternate home page when a default home page is not
presently accessible are provided. The method and apparatus
ensures that the default home page is presently accessible
before the browser contacts the computer system hosting the
15 home page, when the web browser is first activated. If the
default home page is accessible, it is accessed and
displayed. If not, an alternate home page is accessed and
displayed. In one embodiment of the invention, the
invention uses a scheduler (i.e., time and day that the home
20 page may be accessible) to determine whether the home page
is presently accessible. In another embodiment, the
invention uses IP addresses to determine whether the host
computer and the computer used by the user are within the
same network. If the two computers are within the same
25 network, then the home page is determined to be presently
accessible; otherwise, it is determined to be presently
inaccessible.